

PROPOSALS BY PROXY.

The Advantage a Chinaman Has in Case of a Rejection.

Dr. Isaac T. Headland, a resident of Pekin for many years, throws a new light on the new women of China in the Travel Magazine. Taking up the relations between the sexes and especially the Chinese method of getting a wife, the writer repeats a conversation with a young Chinaman who had recently become engaged to a Chinese maiden with whom he had never spoken.

"We students have a very great advantage over the old Chinese method of finding a wife and getting engaged," said my Celestial friend.

"What do you mean?" I inquired. "Well, you see by the old Chinese method a man can never see his wife until she is brought to his home unless he can bribe the middleman to allow him to stand on the street corner and see her pass by in a cart."

"And what advantage do you have?"

"We see the girls in church," he answered. "They also can see us. We have sisters in the girls' school, they have brothers in the college, and when we go home during vacation we can learn all about each other."

"This is an advantage."

"In my judgment," he continued, "we have a better method than even you foreigners have."

"How is that?"

"Well, you see," he continued, "after we have selected the lady we want we can have a middleman go and ask her for us, while you have to go and ask the lady yourself."

"But," I objected, "we can get so much better acquainted by our method."

"Yes, that's true," he admitted, "but doesn't it make you awfully angry if you ask a girl to marry you and she refuses?"

It was necessary to admit that there were advantages in the middleman method which had never occurred to me, and, while I was not ready to acknowledge that his new found method was better than mine, I could still see that the force which brought it about was bringing woman out of her seclusion and placing her on a level with her brother and her future husband.

A Bet and Its Odds.

A notorious gambler who died some time ago once wagered a thousand dollars to one that six would not be thrown with a pair of dice ten times in succession. His offer was taken up by a fellow clubman. The dice were brought, and his opponent actually threw six nine times in succession. The gambler then offered \$470 to be free of the bet. The other man declined, had his tenth throw and failed to get another six. Just to show how very little the average man knows about the doctrine of chances, a well known mathematician has pointed out the real odds about this bet. The chances were no less than 60,466,175 to 1 against six being thrown ten times in succession. Therefore the real bet should have been about \$600,000 to a cent against such a thing happening.

The Herring Line.

A senator apropos of fame said at a Washington luncheon:

"What is fame, after all? Kipling when he lived in Brattleboro took a trip to Montpelier, and the first evening he came down to the hotel dining room he overheard this dialogue between two waiters:

"First Waiter—Do you know who that is, George?"

"Second Waiter—No. Who is it?"

"First Waiter—That's the celebrated Kipperin."

"Second Waiter—What's he done?"

"First Waiter—Hanged if I know. Fish line, ain't it?"—Washington Star.

Mother's Task.

When mother gets breakfast she must remember that father likes his breakfast food without cream. Johnny wants both cream and sugar, Susie doesn't like breakfast food at all and must have a substitute. Mary has to have grapefruit and the rest of the family want oranges or apples. No two agree on anything, but she must remember what each one wants or the family doubt her devotion. What is it, do you suppose, that keeps the mother of a large family from going crazy?—Acheson Globe.

His Manly Spirit.

A sturdy Scotchman had been having a dispute with his wife, which resulted in his taking refuge under the bed. As she stood on guard with a good sized stick in her hand he called lustily from his retreat: "Ye can lamb me and ye can bite me, but ye canna break ma manly spirit. I'll na come oot."



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HERE'S SAM LANGFORD'S TIP ON BIG FIGHT.

Why not take a real live hunch on the big fight from a man who knows? Let's get right on this Jeffries-Johnson affair. The way to do this is to peruse the ultimatum of one Samuel Langford, who plays the role of general reducer of fight championship aspirations. Samuel recently issued a statement in which he offered to fight anybody in the world, with the sole exception of James J. Jeffries.

"That Mistah Jeff he ain't no man; he's just a big train, and he's going to run over anybody 't tries to hol' him back," said Langford when asked about the matter.

"But how about Johnson?" was the query to him.

"Honey, he's jest mah meal ticket. If I can get that big moke in front of me I'll knock him clear out of the moving pictures. Yas, suh, I will. I know, 'cause I met him once."

If there is any better line on the matter than this it has yet to be dug up. Langford's unconsolous tip on the big mill is surely not biased. He can whip Jack, but nothing doing with Jeff.

I'D FIGHT A BULL FOR \$101,000, SAYS SHARKEY.

Tom Sharkey's determination to challenge the winner of the Jeffries-Johnson fight has aroused a good deal of interest.

Tom is cold gray serious. He has erected a gymnasium in his home, and, as a matter of fact, he is in remarkably good condition despite he has been out of the ring for many years, and, judging by his present condition, he does not need much work to be in good trim for another battle. In talking of the coming fight Sharkey said recently: "Look at the money there is in the fight game nowadays! Think of it—\$101,000 for a scrap! Why, I'd fight a bull for that!" And Tom would when he was in his prime.

COVALESKI'S GREAT FEAT.

Hurled Ball Six Times Between Players but Foot Apart.

Sporting writers in the past have turned out some wonderful yarns of baseball feats, but the palm must be presented to the Cincinnati man who is responsible for the following story:

Talk about your pitchers having control of the ball, here's a little stunt that Harry Covalesski, the big Pole, pulled off during practice the other morning that is surely going some in handling the pill. Several Reds were arguing as to who had the most control.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," said "Covey." "If two of you chaps will stand up in front of Tom Clarke with your heads a foot apart I'll throw the ball into his hands between your heads six times running."

Harry Gaspar had confidence in Harry's accurate aim and agreed to be one of the two to stand up and let "Covey" see how near he could come without hitting him.

Others were not so confident until Mike Konnick volunteered. So Gaspar and Konnick stood up over an imaginary plate, leaned forward until their foreheads were but a foot apart, and "Covey" set himself to the task. He wound up for the throw and let the ball go. Gaspar and Konnick didn't have to move, for the ball shot between their heads as true as a well aimed bullet. The other five balls went in the same place, and Gaspar and Konnick, in spite of their confidence in the young Pole, heaved a sigh of relief when the stunt was over.

Long, Sharp Spikes Not Needed.

Billy Hamilton, one of the greatest stealers that ever wore a spiked shoe, claims that long, sharp spikes are a needless menace. Hamilton never wore anything but short, dull ones, and he was the most dreaded base-runner of his time.

BASEBALL TIPS

Miller Huggins, formerly of the Reds, is showing his 1907 form about second base for the St. Louis Nationals.

Larry Lajoie of the Cleveland Americans is proving to be an excellent first baseman. The position is new to the clever and hard hitting player.

The Chicago club's new catcher, Leslie Nunamaker, did great work for Lincoln last year and was one of the leading catchers of the Western league.

Manager Jennings of Detroit has about decided to carry ten pitchers. They are Mullin, Donovan, Summers, Willett, Lelievre, Works, Kilian, Pernoll, Browning and Stroud.

The effect of a two years' course in the Clarke school of baseball is shown in the case of Owen Wilson, the Pirates' right fielder, who has developed from a raw "bush leaguer" into a finished artist.

It is rumored that Fred Tenney, the New York Nationals' first baseman, will soon retire from the game to become a baseball reporter. In that event Merkle will be the regular initial first sacker.

Gerings Entertain Omaha Medics.

The class of 1910 of Creighton Medical college were Tuesday night entertained by Henry R. Gering & Co., at dinner in the Rome hotel. W. A. Delaney, president of the class, occupied the chair, and Matthew Gering was toastmaster. The speakers were Dr. D. C. Bryant, dean of the college, whose subject was medical work in Japan, Dr. A. L. Moorehead, vice-dean, who spoke on the relation of the pharmaceutical house to the college, B. V. Dermott and E. G. Barnhardt. Following the dinner the company spent the evening at the Orpheum.

The Gering brothers returned to Plattsmouth this morning and Henry will remain in this city for a few days before going back to his work in Omaha.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our most heartfelt appreciation to the many kind friends and neighbors and especially to the boys at the repair shop for the floral tribute, to the students of the public school, both the high school and the fourth ward school, to the A. O. U. W. lodge, to the ladies of the German Lutheran church and teachers and members of the Sunday school and others for their kindness during the sickness and the death of our beloved wife and mother.

William Otterstein and Children.

George Statts, dispatch clerk at the post office, has recently bought the property of Wash Smith and will move into the place as soon as it has undergone the necessary repairs. The house is being repapered and a number of minor repairs made.

Why the Audience Laughed.

At a public entertainment recently a conjurer had an experience which was highly comical, though quite disastrous from a professional point of view. Having produced an egg from a previously empty bag, he announced that he would follow up this trick by bringing from the bag the hen that laid the egg. This little arrangement he left to his confederate to carry out. He proceeded to draw the bird from the bag, but what was his surprise on finding that the alleged hen was an old rooster, which strutted about the stage with ruffled feathers and offended dignity and set up as vigorous a crowing as if it had just awakened from its nocturnal slumbers. The whole audience shrieked with laughter, and the unfortunate conjurer made a bolt for the dressing room.—London Mail.

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